MCA-21 for online information of registrar of companies

2842. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY: Will the' Minister of COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have launched Rs. 341 crore project christened as "MCA-21", to connect the Ministry with all its regional offices and the 22 Registrars of Companies across the country with a centralised system to provide on-line information to all the stakeholders including public, financial institutions and companies; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI PREM CHAND GUPTA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) the MCA-21 is an e-Governance project, launched on 01.03.2005, which envisages easy and secure online access to all the MCA services. It will enable corporates to register a company and file statutory documents quickly and easily from anywhere at anytime and public will get an easy access to relevant records. It facilitates efficient services to the companies, professionals and will help financial institutions in easy verification of charges. The project has an implementation cycle of 60 weeks and, thereafter, an operation period of six years. M/s Tata Consultancy Services led Consortium was selected as the operator after following an open bid system.

Reimbursement of taxi fare

2843. SHRI DHARAM PAL SABHARWAL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Central Government employees residing in peripheral towns of NCR *i.e.* NOIDA, Bahadurgarh, Faridabad, Gurgaon, etc. are not allowed reimbursement of taxi/scooter fare when they attend office on holidays or processed on tour;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and whether Government propose to issue suitable revised order so as to make the officials residing in peripheral towns eligible for reimbursement of taxi/scooter charges and also allow Government vehicles to enter the areas under reference as a routine matter since number of Government offices have been shifted thereof; and

(c) if so, by when and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S.S. PALANIMANICKAM): (a) to (c) Under the Traveling Allowance (TA) rules, reimbursement of taxi/scooter charges for journey for attending office on holidays or for proceeding on official tour is normally admissible only from the headquarter of the employees or their residence in cities with the Urban Agglomeration (UA), from the place of residence in the U.Ato Railway Station/Bus station/Airport and wee-versa. The question of allowing such reimbursement to officials residing in peripheral towns, which are not within the UA limits of the city of their headquarters, does not arise. The Staff Car Rules provide that Staff Cars should not be used for official journey outside the headquarters for which TA is admissible. There is no proposal for amending the TA Rules or Staff Car Rules.

Customs gate in Indo-Myanmar Border

2844. SHRIMATI MOHSINA KIDWAI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that apart from Moreh (Manipur) there is another customs gate namely Zowkhatari Hai in the Indo-Myanmar border;

(b) whether it is also a fact that said gate is not operational for border trade;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) whether Government propose to make the said gate operational and if not, the reason therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S.S. PALANIMANICKAM). (a) Yes, apart from Moreh Land Customs Stations in Manipur, there is another Land Customs Station (not customs gate) named Zokhawthar Land Customs Station in Mizoram on the Indo-Myanmar border.

(b) to (d) The Land Customs Station at Zokhawthar was inauguarated -on 30th January 2004. However, till date there has been no export/import through this trading point as the Indo-Myanmar Trade Agreement limits barter trade between the two nations to agricultural and minor forest produces only, and Zokhawthar is not a declared entry point for import of Plants and Plant products as per *Schedule I, II and III of the Plant*